



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary July 18, 2016 Black Rock Center for the Arts

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arthur Edmunds and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from June 20, 2016 was approved. (motion by M. Firley; seconded by T. Printz-Platnick).

Update from the County Council- Council staff Warren Hansen (Councilmember Elrich's office) and Brian Jones (Councilmember Katz' office) updated the board, specifically mentioning the minimum wage bill as well as interests in renters concerns, a strategic plan for expanding composting, and pedestrian safety issues. The Council will go on recess for three weeks after August 2.

Update from Upcounty Regional Director – Regional Director Catherine Matthews recognized Kevin Mack, District Director for Representative Delaney. Mr. Mack announced that the Representative had kicked off the "Fix I-270 Coalition," a bi-county group representing interests of Montgomery and Frederick Counties in addressing traffic congestion. Their first meeting was July 18 and next steps are to establish a steering committee, website and to host a panel discussion. Ms. Matthews announced that the formal recruitment period for new UCAB members had ended and interviews for applicants would take place soon. For other updates, meeting attendees were referred to items in the most recent issue of the Upcounty Today! newsletter.

Discussion: Board members prioritized their concerns in order to provide a work plan for the board in 2016-2017.

Chair's Report – Mr. Edmunds announced that the board's new committee chairs were: Linda Moore for the Quality of Life Committee; and Kraig Walsleben for the Land Use Committee.

Committee / Liaison Reports – none.

Community Concerns/Comments – Goshen community resident, Rosemary Arkoian, shared her concerns with the board about traffic congestion and her hope that the board would continue to advocate for both enhanced transit service and the proposed Midcounty Highway road project. She also questioned the future of economic development efforts and the increasing number of vacant office buildings.

The meeting was adjourned (motion by M. Firley and seconded by W. Roberts).

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Arthur Edmunds, Mark Firley, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Linda Moore, Robert Nelson, Tobi Printz-Platnick, William Roberts, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, Kraig Walsleben, Ian Weston.

Additional Guests: Rosemary Arkoian

Staff: Catherine Matthews and Chiffon Smith

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